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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SADAT ADDRESSES NATION: THE MAJOR PORTION OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S ADDRESS PERTAINING TO FOREIGN RELATIONS DEALT WITH EGYPTIAN-SOVIET AFFAIRS. AMONG THE SIGNIFICANT POINTS MADE WERE:

--THE DECISION TO RENEW MIDDLE EAST HOSTILITIES IN OCTOBER WAS ENTIRELY EGYPTIAN, AND WAS "AGAINST THE WILL OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS".

--SOVIET MILITARY EXPERTS WERE EXPELLED FROM EGYPT IN JULY 1972 BECAUSE THE USSR FAILED TO KEEP ITS PROMISES ON ARMS DELIVERIES.

DURING HIS ADDRESS SADAT ALSO PRESENTED A WORKING PAPER ON EGYPT'S FUTURE UP TO THE YEAR 2000. (TICKERS)

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2. POMPIDOU MEMORIAL SERVICE: ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE "SOLEMN

CEREMONY OF HOMAGE TO PRESIDENT POMPIDOU", SCHEDULED FOR 1100 A.M. (LOCAL) SATURDAY APRIL 6, AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL, ARE EXPECTED TO BE VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE AT THE SERVICE HELD FOR PRESIDENT DE GAULLE IN NOVEMBER, 1970.

BRITISH DIPLOMATS IN PARIS HAVE TOLD OUR EMBASSY THAT PRINCE PHILIP AND, PROBABLY, PRIME MINISTER WILSON WILL ATTEND; THERE ARE OTHER, UNCONFIRMED, REPORTS THAT OPPOSITION LEADER HEATH WILL ALSO COME. THE SOVIETS SAY IT IS LIKELY THE USSR WILL BE REPRESENTED BY PRESIDUM CHAIRMAN PODGORNYY, WHILE PRESS REPORTS ALSO CITE CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT AND PRESIDENT HEINEMANN, KING BAUDOUIN, AND PRIME MINISTERS TRUDEAU AND TA AKA AS AMONG THE WORLD LEADERS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE POMPIDOU RITES. (STATE/TICKER)

3. EUROPE AFTER POMPIDOU: A HIGH LEVEL FRG FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO EMBASSY OFFICERS:

--AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT PERIOD LIES AHEAD, WITH LITTLE CHANCE OF ACCOMPLISHING ANYTHING POSITIVE IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION FOR A WHILE.

--POMPIDOU'S DEATH WILL ENCOURAGE A SENSE OF CAUTION IN THE EC AND A COOLING OFF PERIOD IN WHICH MAJOR NEW INITIATIVES AND COMPLICATED NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE DEFERRED.

--THIS WILL HAVE A TEMPERING EFFECT ON UK RENEGOTIATION DEMANDS.

--US-WEST EUROPEAN RELATIONS WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY BILATERAL RATHER THAN MULTILATERAL.

--GISCARD D'ESTAING WILL WIN THE FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN A RUNOFF AGAINST MITTERAND.

--GISCARD D'ESTAING WILL PROBABLY TRY TO FOLLOW A POLICY MORE FAVORABLE TO EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE US. (STATE)

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4. PLO TO PARTICIPATE AT GENEVA: ACCORDING TO A HIGHLY REGARDED SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, YASIR ARAFAT HAS FIRMLY DECIDED TO GO TO GENEVA AND TO ACCEPT EVENTUALLY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE ON THE WEST BANK AND IN THE GAZA. (STATE)

5. AUSTRIAN CHIEF OF STATE NEAR DEATH: PRESIDENT JONAS HAS TERMINAL CANCER AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE LONG.

CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S INTERIM ASSUMPTION OF PRESIDENTIAL POWERS EXPIRES APRIL 15 AND THE THREE PRESIDENTS OF PARLIAMENT WILL PROBABLY ASSUME THESE POWERS UNTIL ELECTIONS ARE HELD IN SUMMER OR FALL. (STATE)

6. PRC VIEWS ON US INDIAN OCEAN PRESENCE: THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY (NCNA) CHARGES THE SOVIETS WITH EXPANDING THEIR NAVAL FORCES IN THE AREA AND CHARACTERIZES US MOVES AS HEGEMONISTIC AND SELF-SERVING RESPONSES. HOWEVER, NCNA INDIRECTLY PORTRAYS US POLICY AS MAINTAINING THE BALANCE AND BLOCKING SOVIET DOMINATION. (STATE) RUSH

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